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Yang et al.

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For: Protamine Fragment Compositions and Methods  
of Use

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 16, 2005, the examiner asserted that pending claims in the application were directed to three separate inventions: Group I, claims 48-50, 55-56, and 59-68; Group II, claim 57; and Group III, claim 58. The applicants respectfully traverse for reasons discussed below.

In order to be responsive to the Patent Office communication, applicants provisionally elect Group I for continued prosecution.

This response is timely filed and it is believed that no fees are due. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30275/40871. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.